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Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Harold Baer, Jr. United States District Judge Southern District of New York United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, Room 2230 New York, NY 10007

> Chiquita International v. M/V CLOUDY BAY et al Re:

08 Civ. 1041 Our File: 153-19

Dear Honorable Judge:

We represent the Plaintiff, Chiquita International Limited, in the above captioned action and write to request a ninety (90) day adjournment for the Pre-Trial Conference scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2008. Defendants, Cloudy Bay Shipping Company and Seatrade Group are both companies based in the Netherlands.

Their agents in the United States, SKULD, have recently executed the Waiver of Service on defendants' behalf, as such, their answer is not due for 90 days. The parties intend to use the time allowed to engage in settlement discussions prior to defense counsel having to be appointed. The 90 day adjournment will give the parties sufficient time to determine whether they can resolve their claims prior to any additional Court involvement.

We appreciate the Courts assistance in this matter and look forward to its comments.

Very truly yours,

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